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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1597

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: GABELLAH'S VIEWS BEFORE BRIDGE MEETING AT
LIVINGSTONE

REF: LUSAKA 1587, 1593

1. IN COURTESY CALL ON ANC VICE PRESIDENT ELLIOT GABELLAH
IN CONNECTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR SENATOR CLARK'S VISIT,
HE RECALLED HIS CONVERSATION WITH ASST SECY DAVIS JULY 9 AND
APPEALED FOR PUBLIC STATEMENT NOW AS MOST APPROPRIATE TIME
TO REITERATE US POLICY ON RHODESIA WHEN ATTENTION OF WORLD
FOCUSED ON VICTORIA FALLS MEETING AUG 25.

2. GABELLAH SAID SMITH BENT ON USING BRIDGE MEETING TO SHOW
UP ANC NATIONALISTS AS UNREASONABLE GROUP AND THEN TURNING TO
SAG PM VORSTER TO SAY "I TOLD YOU SO, YOU CAN'T DO BUSINESS
WITH THEM."

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3. GABELLAH HOPEFUL THAT SAG OBSERVER WILL BE VORSTER

HIMSELF AND HE HINTED THAT ZAMBIA MIGHT BE USING ITS INFLUENCE TOWARD THIS END.

4. GABELLAH SAID ANC TACTIC WOULD BE TO PIN DOWN SMITH TO AGREE TO NEGOTIATE RATHER THAN GET HUNG UP ON SUBSIDIARY NON-SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE OF COMMITTEES AND WHERE THEY WOULD MEET.

5. GABELLAH ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS FOR US TO RAISE ITS VOICE AT THIS TIME NOT ONLY IN SUPPORT OF ANC AS REASONABLE GROUP WITH A JUST CAUSE AND NATURAL RIGHTS, BUT TO BOLSTER CONFIDENCE IN RHODESIAN WHITE COMMUNITY THAT THEY NEED NOT FEAR FOR THEIR INTERESTS.

6. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR GAVE GABELLAH COPY OF ASST SECY DAVIS' JULY 10 STATEMENT TO SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE ON AFRICA AS EVIDENCE OUR CLEAR AND PUBLIC POSITION ON RHODESIA. SAID WOULD REPORT GABELLAH'S APPEAL BUT DECISION ON OPPORTUNENESS OF US STATEMENT NOW WHICH RELATED TO BRIDGE MEETING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF DEPARTMENT. ALSO DOUBTED THAT ANYTHING COULD BE SAID DIRECTLY TO WHITE COMMUNITY OTHER THAN POSSIBLE REFERENCE IN ANY STATEMENT TO OUR BELIEF IN GENUINENESS OF ANC'S INTENTIONS TO ACHIEVE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, INSTITUTE MAJORITY RULE AND CREATE MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY.

7. ANC DELEGATION IS DELAYING ITS DEPARTURE FOR LIVINGSTONE UNTIL 4 PM SATURDAY AUG 23 BECAUSE OF RETURN TO LUSAKA OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH 28-MAN ANC DELEGATION IN LUSAKA SOMETIME TODAY AUG 22.
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